

A LESSON IN OBEDIENCE

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Matthew 3:13-17

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1. The Resistance of John: Vs.13-14
 - A. John's baptism was for sinners who were conscious of their sin.
 - B. Jesus needed no repentance of sin therefore John felt unworthy of this opportunity.
 - C. How often do we feel unworthy when Jesus asks us to serve?
2. The Readiness of Jesus: Vs.15
 - A. Quote: The success of any undertaking is determined by the wisdom with which the moment to embark upon it is chosen. William Barclay
 - B. By identifying Himself with those whom He came to redeem, Jesus inaugurated His public ministry as the Messiah.
 - C. By His baptism Jesus completely identified Himself with humanity's sin and failure.
3. The Regard of the Father: Vs.16-17
 - A. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus to equip Him for the work that lay ahead.
 - B. This word from the Father must have greatly encouraged Jesus at the very beginning of His earthly ministry. It should encourage us to be obedient to the Father's will for our lives (John 8:29).
 - C. The tense of the Greek verb (well pleased) means that God has always been and always will be "well pleased" with His Son. Can God look at us and say that He is "well pleased"?